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Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated June 29, 2007 setting a 3-month shortened statutory period for response.